ALLOCATION & STORAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES April 3, 2025

A meeting of the Allocation & Storage Committee held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81001 and via Zoom virtual conference.

Chairman Andy Colosimo announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Colosimo - Chairman, Howard "Bub" Miller - Vice Chair, Tom Goodwin, Justin DiSanti, Alan Hamel, Matt Heimerich (online), Bill Long (online), and Leann Noga

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Curtis Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pat Edelmann and Greg Felt (via Zoom), Seth Clayton, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) Board; Mitch Frischmeyer, Lisa Brown, Wilson Water Group (via Zoom); Mike Holmberg, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Chris Woodka, Gordon Dillon, Michelle Todcydlowski, Patty Rivas, Lee Miller (via Zoom), Peter Levish (via Zoom) District staff; Lonnie Spady and Brian Lenherr, DWR Region 2; Bill Tyner (online)Tyner Engineering; Roy Vaughn, H2O Consultants; Online: John Dawson, Moffat & Nichols; and Noah Friesen, DWR.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Colosimo confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the March 11, 2025 Allocation & Storage Committee minutes and asked if there were any corrections or discussions. Bub Miller moved, Justin DiSanti seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Reservoir Level and 2025 Spill

Mike Holmberg verbally reported the April 1, 2025, forecast of 58,100 AF for imports with 45,000 AF available for allocation. The Upper Basin is at 104% of median snowpack. Mr. Holmberg reported that there is approximately 6,000 AF to use by April 15 to avoid a spill.

Leann Noga interjected that Rachel Zancanella and Jason Ullman from DWR will be presenting information for the water year at the next Board Meeting.

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2025 Allocation

Lisa Brown and Mitch Frischmeyer from Wilson Water Group presented the anticipated allocation availability using March 1,2025 numbers. Discussion ensued about the percentage used to calculate allocation from imports. Roy Vaughn, Chris Woodka and Pat Edelman and Justin DiSanti gave historical context to the use of 80%. Mrs. Brown and Mr. Frischmeyer then explained their rationale to use a lower value of 60%.

ACTION ITEMS

2025 Ag Carryover Pilot Program

Chris Woodka presented the Staff Recommendation for the Ag Carryover Pilot Program Action Item. With that he had the suggested motion of "I move that the Allocation and Storage Committee recommends to the Board of Director that no Project Water for Irrigation stored from 2024, or prior years, will be carried over after May 1, 2025, in order to reduce the likelihood of a spill at Pueblo Reservoir." Bub Miller moved and Alan Hamel seconded the motion. The motion passed with Justin DiSanti dissenting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 1, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Mr. Colosimo adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Dillon, Engineering Manager